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Amendments proposed to the draft declaration for the fiftieth anniversary (rolling text 2) submitted by the Chairman (A/AC.240/1995/WG.10)

1. Amendments proposed by Belarus, the Russian Federation and Ukraine

Paragraph 12, last item

(a) After natural disaster reduction add and with regard to the reduction of major technological and man-made catastrophes,

(b) After developing countries add and affected countries with economies in transition,

2. Amendments proposed by Germany

(a) Paragraph 6, second item

For enhance read ensure.

"Enhance" appears to be a very optimistic term in this context.

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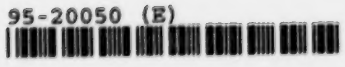

(b) Paragraph 11

The right to development should not be highlighted among all other human rights. For particularly read including.

(c) Paragraph 18, second sentence

We would prefer a strong wording, i.e. for reaffirm read stress.

(d) Paragraph 19, first sentence

In its current form the sentence appears bureaucratic and has little meaning. Replace by The secretariats of the United Nations system must become efficient and effective.

3. Amendments proposed by Italy

Paragraph 15, first two sentences, should read

"The Charter of the United Nations has provided a framework for the promotion and development of international law, thus enabling the United Nations to play a crucial role in building the structure of modern international relations. The continued promotion and development of international law must be pursued with renewed determination with a view to ensuring that relations between nations are based on the principles of justice and respect for the rule of law."

4. Amendments proposed by Japan

(a) Paragraph 9, third line

Delete the situation of and and.

(b) Paragraph 11, second line

Delete particularly the right to development.

(c) Paragraph 12

(i) First line

Delete in response to the right to development.

(ii) First item, third line

For debt and finance read finance and debt.

(iii) Third item, third and fourth lines

Delete and the free movement of all factors of production.

(d) Paragraph 14, second item

(i) First line

For full read equal.

(ii) Fourth line

For fair read equal and after with respect to add health, including their reproductive health.

5. Amendments proposed by Netherlands

(a) Paragraphs 7-12

We think that the subject of population merits specific attention in this part of the draft declaration.

(b) Paragraph 11

For particularly read including.

(c) Paragraph 12

(i) First item

Delete and to avoid the marginalization from the world economy of the least developed countries and countries in Africa.

(ii) Third item

After Enhance efforts insert to continue.

(iii) Seventh item

Delete especially at the field level.

6. Amendments proposed by New Zealand

(a) Paragraph 3, second sentence should read

"Through the decolonization process and the elimination of apartheid hundreds of millions of human beings are assured the fundamental right of self-determination".

(b) Paragraph 5, fifth line

Delete to reflect contemporary circumstances.

(c) Paragraph 9

(i) Third line

After women and children add refugees.

(ii) Fourth line

After degradation add including desertification.

(d) Paragraph 12

(i) Second and third items

Reverse two and three. Move seventh item to become third item.

(ii) Old fourth item

Delete and social integration

(iii) Last item

Delete combating desertification.

(e) Paragraph 16, second item

For universal read the widest possible.

(f) Paragraph 18

Substitute the following text

Equally, a healthy United Nations needs adequate budgets and resources and a fair system of assessments. We commit ourselves to achieving these, and in this context will in future meet in full and on time our financial obligations to the United Nations system, cease the practice of delaying and withholding payments beyond due dates, and will clear all arrears.

(g) Paragraph 19

Substitute the following text

The secretariats of the United Nations system must improve significantly their efficiency and effectiveness in administering and managing the resources allocated to them by Member States. For their part, Member States will pursue and take responsibility for restructuring the system.

7. Amendments proposed by Ukraine

(a) Paragraph 3

Between the first and second sentences insert

Notwithstanding the brinkmanship policies that resulted from ideological rivalry, the United Nations has played an important role in preventing the sliding of mankind into the new fatal world war.

(b) Paragraph 5, fifth line

After must be expanded add taking into account the interests of all regional groups.

(c) Paragraph 6, fifth item

At the end of the subparagraph add in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations.

(d) Paragraph 12

(i) Second item

After developing countries add as well as with countries with economies in transition.

(ii) Last item

After intensify cooperation in natural disaster reduction add as well as major technological catastrophes.

(e) Paragraph 14, last item

After recognize and support indigenous add and deported peoples as well as national minorities.

(f) Paragraph 16, last item

Substitute the following text

Build and maintain justice between nations in full compliance with the principles of the sovereign equality, territorial integrity of States and inviolability of their frontiers enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations.